

Michael Veitch

Actor, Author, Presenter and MC

Michael Veitch is a very talented and experienced performer, comedian, broadcaster and writer. Best known amongst Australian viewing audiences for his memorable characters on successful Australian sketch comedy shows such as *Fast Forward*, *D-Generation*, *Full Frontal* and international comedy drama *Shock Jock*, Michael is also a successful serious author with books on World War Two airmen and the Bass Strait Islands.



In addition to his specialised historic knowledge of World War II Aircrafts, Michael has an impressively broad knowledge over a range of topics including current affairs, politics and history. He is also passionate about all aspects of the arts, in particular, classical music.

From 2006 to 2009 Michael was proud to be the host of ABC TV's *Sunday Arts* program where he met and interviewed many prominent artists, composers and celebrities. He was also theatre and literary critic for *The Age*, *Australian* and *Herald Sun* newspapers and *Australian Book Review Magazine*.

He spent several years on radio, both commercial and ABC, as a regular guest presenter and interviewer. In 2010, Michael moved to Hobart to host afternoons on local ABC radio station 936 ABC Hobart; for three years he broadcast daily across Tasmania, at various times hosting breakfast, afternoons and evening shifts.

Also an accomplished actor stage performer, Michael played one of the lead roles in the Australian production of the musical *The Full Monty*, based on the 1997 film, and in 2004, he starred in the musical comedy *It's A Dad Thing* which toured nationally. In 2012, he starred in the award-winning short film *Best Kept Secret*, a mockumentary spoof on tourist promotion, filmed in Tasmania. He has also performed at the highest level on stage working for the Melbourne Theatre Company, as well as in film starring opposite Anthony LaPaglia in David Williamson's *Brilliant Lies*.

In 2014 and 2015, Michael toured Australia in *Flak* - True stories from the men who flew in World War Two, a one-man stage version of his successful aviation books, in which he performs, in character, several of the men whose war stories he uncovered in his books, 'Flak' and 'Fly'.

Incredible intelligence, a dynamic personality and comedic wit, coupled with acting, writing and

journalistic skills ensure Michael Veitch is much sought after for corporate events as an MC, a special 'in character' guest or after dinner speaker.

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